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Streetscape Project to Reduce Route 7 to Two Lanes Beginning Friday, Oct. 12

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – The 400-block of West Broad Street (Route 7) will be reduced from four lanes to two (one in each direction) from Friday, Oct. 12, 2007 through mid-December 2007 for streetscape and road reconstruction improvements. The lane closures will occur Monday through Saturday between the hours of 5 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Approximately 30,000 vehicles travel along West Broad Street every day. The City is working to minimize the impact on commuters, residents, and businesses; commuters are encouraged to use alternate routes around the City or follow the established detours:

Westbound Detour

Right onto Little Falls Street, left onto Great Falls Street, left onto Lincoln Avenue, and left onto West Street, which intersects with West Broad Street after the construction zone.

Eastbound Detour

Left onto West Street, right onto Lincoln Avenue, right onto Great Falls Street, and right onto Little Falls Street, which also intersects with West Broad Street after the construction zone.

Electronic message boards will alert motorists of the detour.

The streetscape project involves undergrounding of overhead utilities; reconstruction and widening of the sidewalk with brick pavers; installation of a landscaped strip with trees between the sidewalk and the roadway; reconstruction of curb, gutter, and driveway entrances; installation of street furniture and decorative street lighting, and road reconstruction to upgrade the roadbed to Virginia Department of Transportation standards.

This is a public-private partnership with Waterford Development, which is responsible for the utility undergrounding portion of the project. The City will manage the road reconstruction and streetscape portions.

Visit <u>www.fallschurchva.gov/SkinnyOn7.html</u> for more information. Questions or concerns should be directed to 703-248-5148 (TTY 711) or engineering@fallschurchva.gov.

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